



# Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:30 P.M.

## MINUTES

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) Consultation with Town Attorney. Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Joan Brooks.

**ROLL CALL:** All members present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Unavailable & tabled until next meeting.


**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Gretchen Heldmann – Read a letter she wrote after the February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting RE: I395 Resolve. (copy to be attached to minutes, as a record)

Andrew Hamilton – There is a deficiency in the notice associated with the proposed amendment in the addendum ordinance for MEO. After going over their notes they noticed that during both Public Hearings held on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, under Sec. 108.2.2 (Amendment Div.) Proposed amendments on those two versions stipulated 1000ft. And on February 17<sup>th</sup>, it was stipulated as 1500 ft. He requested that the board look into this.

Ralph McLeod – He thinks the 1500ft setback is moderate, considering many would like to see it even higher. Let them take it to court, he doesn't believe there is a case

Tim Woodcock – Provided material at last meeting, including numbers and explanation for rational for those numbers. 1500ft setback, encroaches considerably on this project. Regulatory taking standards were explained here and in the packet submitted by Hughes counsel, court case references included. What the court will be looking at, with respect to the rational of the 1500 ft., is the substantial public purpose, which must be reasonably necessary to the effectuation of the goal. And there now is none.

  
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108.2.2 Setback – Charles Baker, Jr. suggests asking the towns' attorney about this. Regarding Mr. Hamilton's reference to setbacks being 1000 ft.

Ray Wood – When the setbacks were changed, so were the decibels, so it's tit for tat, if one can be changed, something else needs to change.

James White – He is comfortable with the 1500 ft. and there are more people to worry about than just Hughes Bros. Why not put together a packet at 1000ft. and one at 1500ft, and let the townspeople have their say. It hasn't been voted on for the 1000 ft., can't the town modify anything? No, there is a proper procedure to do so. Joan Brooks explained the procedure, with assistance from Charles Gilbert.

Frank Arisimeek – He will be standing with Hughes Bros. if the 1500 ft. goes into effect. It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the town has devalued his property without just cause.

Russell submitted a letter from Susan Shane RE: I395 Resolve, voted at the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. (a copy attached, as record).

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his February report, which included approximately 50 calls. Updated the board on repairs for Rescue Unit #328

Ellis was asked last month to look into some options, and he submitted a letter from Autotronics, which is a dealer of EMS Vehicles. Copies of letter were given to the board members. Ellis ran through some basic figures regarding replacement and/or repair, for the existing truck, all of which are not feasible, in his opinion. Chief Ellis encouraged the board to enter into a contract with Autotronics to obtain a loaner unit. The cost would be \$500.00 monthly, for 12 months.


**A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the town manager to sign the lease agreement with Autotronics.** C. Grover, Jr. / Charles Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.


Police: Deputy Mason gave his report for February, adding that it had been a normal month, no big news to report. He spoke of a recent speed detail he had done in the town, funded by the county, which resulted in 11 Citations.

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:** No calls to report

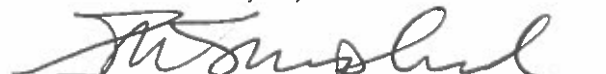
**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** – Rusty was not present to give her report this month.

  
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Zoning Ordinance & Mineral Extraction Addendum, Public Hearing set for Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Eddington School. (Info only, no action needed)

Special Town Meeting – Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Eddington School. (info only)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Annual Town Meeting dates –

Municipal Officers Election, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Town Meeting, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the dates as presented.** C. Grover, Jr. / M. Shepherd **Vote 5-0.**

Sign Quit Claim Deed – **A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the quit claim deed presented by Russell Smith.** C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. **Vote 5-0.**

**WARRANTS:** Sign warrants for March, 2015. M. Shepherd / C. Grover, Jr. **Vote 5-0.**

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Andrew Hamilton referred back to the notice on file being in violation, adding that there is confusion in the addendum, where the 1500 ft setback is concerned. He believes the town has violated notice rules.


Janet Hughes – Spoke about how she believes this moratorium and its sudden changes is all about the Hughes Bros. project. How she has been here for a solid year and in the very last hour the board changes the setbacks while she was 3000 miles away, with no reasoning at all.

Ralph Mcleod – The town stands to lose 4.3 million dollars in value with the devaluation of properties effected by this project.

Andrew Hamilton – Ralph Mcleod has no basis or supporting documents for his claim.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:37 pm.  
C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. **Vote 5-0.**

  
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